

**CITY OF GREENBELT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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Approved: August 25, 2020

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 The meeting was held via Zoom and presided over by Chair, Melinda Brady. The meeting started at 7:05pm.

**PRESENT**

*ACE:* Janet Mirsky, Leta Mach, Kate McElhenny, Melinda Brady, Don Rich, Jon Gardner, Gordon Gainer, Sudhansu Sinha and Elsie Waynes.

**ABSENT:**

*ACE:* Absent: Veronica Martin-Alston

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the April 21 meeting were approved with acclaim.

**FEEDBACK ON EDUCATOR AWARDS**

Melinda thanked members for their efforts in recording award presentations. Video will be premiered Wednesday May 27 at 7pm on City Social media. Thanks to Beverly Palau for her editing and production of the video. Discussed how to get award bags to teachers. Liz will reach out to principals to see about dropping bags at schools.

**DISCUSSION OF STUDENT AWARDS.**

Jon suggested that if awards are done, children should not be videoed like they did with educators. Melinda suggested we just do high school students. Liz has contacted the high school only so far. Jon suggested we get nominations from school and do written award. Sudhanshu agreed a certificate only and suggested having city council read nominations. Other members thought ACE members should do this. Don and Leta thought we should do something. Kate asked if we could get write up in News Review. Discussed that school ends in 2 weeks and not much time to get information back from schools. Janet suggested just doing awards for scholarship winners. Jon concerned that skipping a year would be unfortunate.

Decided to send nomination forms to schools. Melinda will edit letters.

Discussed how to handle ERHS nominations and scholarships. Could read it at a Council Meeting. Will send to News Review.

**DISCUSSION OF 2020-2021 BUDGET**

Discussed clubs and that only 1 school had a club this year. Discussed moving some money to grants. Discussed leaving in funds for 3 clubs. Uncertain if schools will have after school

activities next year. Discussed could move monies in fall if they need to. Will have \$14,500 in grants. Jon made motion to approve, Don second, all in favor of proposed budget with changes.

#### **DISCUSSION OF CALENDAR FOR 2020 -2021**

Currently regular calendar has been updated with understanding that things may change based on school changes and status of COVID impacts.

Grant due date discussed: November 2, 2020

Grant review meeting date: December 8, 2020

Report Due to Council: January 8, 2021

#### **ALL OTHER BUSINESS**

Jon contacted all grant recipients to check on status of grants. He heard from most of them.

Committee elections will occur in June. Jon is planning to leave the committee at some point as his term will end in April 2021.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next gathering will Tuesday, June 23, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.